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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO CHILE OF REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE
MORRISON

REF: SWIGERT-JONES TELCON OF MARCH 19

1. REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE MORRISON (DEM.-CT.), MEMBER OF THE LUNDINE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND FINANCE, PLANS A PRIVATE TRIP TO CHILE ON MARCH 22 - APRIL 2, SPONSORED BY THE WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA (WOLA). MORRISON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JAN SHINPOCH, CONSULTANT, FORMER STAFF DIRECTOR FOR THE LUNDINE SUBCOMMITTEE, AND VIRGINIA BOUVIER, WOLA ASSOCIATE. WOLA HAS DESCRIBED THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP AS FOLLOWING: QUOTE

(1) TO DETERMINE IF CHILE IS A GROSS VIOLATOR OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO "TORTURE OR CRUEL, INHUMANE, OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, PROLONGED DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES, OR OTHER FLAGRANT DENIAL TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SECURITY OF PERSON" (AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 701 OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT).

(2) TO DETERMINE IF U.S. APPROVAL FOR NON-BASIC HUMAN NEEDS LOANS IS IN VIOLATION OF CURRENT LAW REGULATING VOTES IN THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

(3) TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION (OR LACK THEREOF) OF U.S. LAW.

(4) TO INCREASE INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHILE AMONG SELECT MEMBERS OF KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. UNQUOTE

2. WOLA IS TAKING CARE OF ALL ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (HOTELS, CARS, ETC.) AND MOST APPOINTMENTS. CONGRESSMAN MORRISON'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY PROVIDE A COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING ON MARCH 27 (THEY SUGGEST 3:00 P.M.) AND ASSIST IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE GOC OFFICIALS:

- 1) FOREIGN MINISTER DEL VALLE (MARCH 27)
 - 2) INTERIOR MINISTER GARCIA (MARCH 27)
 - 3) MAYOR OF CONCEPCION EDUARDO IBANEZ TILLERIA (MARCH 28)
 - 4) RECTER OF CONCEPCION UNIVERSITY GUILLERMO CLERICUS (MARCH 28)
 - 5) PRESIDENT OF SUPREME COURT RAFAEL RETAMEL (MARCH 31)
- DAYS INDICATED ARE MORRISON'S PREFERRED DATES - ON MARCH 28 GROUP TRAVELS TO CONCEPCION AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, WOLA ASSURES US THAT MORRISON WILL ADJUST THE REMAINDER OF HIS SCHEDULE TO MEET WITH MINISTERS DEL VALLE AND GARCIA AT ANY OTHER TIME. ALL THESE APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY WOLA THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CHILEAN EMBASSY. ACCORDING TO WOLA, THE VISIT TO CONCEPCION WILL FOCUS ON THE SITUATION OF THE UNIVERSITY AND CATHOLIC CHURCH.

3. CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR EMBASSY TO ARRANGE A MEETING (PERHAPS LUNCH) MARCH 31 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CHILEAN AND FOREIGN BUSINESS

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COMMUNITY, INCLUDING LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN BANKS. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR MORRISON AND OTHERS TO VISIT A SANTIAGO PRISON ON MARCH 31 (CAPUCHINOS OR WOMEN'S PENITENCIARY). MORRISON ALSO MAY REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTURE.

4. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE SCHEDULE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT WOLA HAS ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS FOR

MORRISON WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY
- CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
- NATIONAL COMMISSION AGAINST TORTURE
- CIEPLAN
- CARDINAL FRESNO AND CONCEPCION BISHOP
- STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES
- CNT
- POLITICAL LEADERS (TO BE ARRANGED BY SERGIO BITAR)

WE URGED BOUVIER AND MORRISON STAFF TO CONSIDER MEETING WITH CDT LABOR REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS MEETING WOULD INCLUDE FULL SPECTRUM OF POLITICAL VIEWS, SUCH AS CONSERVATIVE PARTIES IN NATIONAL ACCORD.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO REPRESENTATIVE MORRISON AND ACCOMPANYING PARTY. PLEASE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISE TIMING FOR APPOINTMENTS AND MEETING WITH BUSINESSMEN, SO THAT WE CAN CONVEY TO MORRISON AND WOLA.

6. FYI. DAS GELBARD HAD A CORDIAL MEETING THIS WEEK WITH MORRISON AND DESCRIBED OUR POSITION ON MDB LOANS AND OVERALL POLICY TOWARD CHILE. WHITEHEAD

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